Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be ascribed to Jim Strain who is retiring from the state of South Dakota after serving over 29 years; and,

Whereas, On June 11, 1979, Jim began his career with Game, Fish, and Parks as a seasonal firefighter, and on August 24, 1987, Jim became employed with the Department of Agriculture where he continued advancing through the ranks until promoted to Assistant Chief of Operations; and,

Whereas, Jim served his country as Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, earned a bachelor degree in Economics from the University of Montana, and continued his professional development by earning Executive Fire Officer at the National Fire Academy; and,

Whereas, Jim helped build the Wildland Fire Division from the ground floor to include an integrated fire organization that hosts Engine, Handcrew, and Aviation programs, and he was the driving force in establishment of the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact, which allows for the exchange of fire resources between states and provinces; and,

Whereas, Jim has provided mentorship and guidance to those he supervised and provided crucial feedback to the Division on critical issues; and,

Whereas, Jim's sincere attitude and dedication have served as an excellent example to those under his leadership and throughout the community over the years, therefore, on June 13, 2017, Jim is retiring to spend more time with his wife, Debbie, and family, and he will be missed by his friends and colleagues; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby designate June 13, 2017, as

JIM STRAIN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his colleagues and friends in wishing him a fulfilling and happy retirement.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of June in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Seventeen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State